No. of awards	Details of award
23	Employment of 1077 contractual woricers.
20	Reinstatment of 30 workers.
18	Mostly relating to promotional matters.

Information called for with regard to names and dates of awards is very voluminous and it would not be commensurate with the efforts made to collect it.

The main reasons for non-implementation of these awards is stated to be that the Company has gone in appeal to the Hon'ble High Court against these awards.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Legal expenses incurred by BCCL during the last three years are as under:—

1995-96	Rs. 43,85,158.00
1996-97	Rs. 35,61,857.00
1997-98	Rs. 50,46,144.00

Increase in the Price of Tea

3537. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have found out the reasons for the hike of tea prices in the country;

(b) if so, the details alongwith reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have prepared any action plan to increase the production of tea in the country during the current five year plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the quantity of tea exported as compared to the targets fixed for each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) and (b) Though the average prices of tea sold at Indian auctions registered an increase from a level of Rs. 62.61 per kg in June, 1997 to Rs. 91.98 per kg in January, 1998, the prices have started showing a declining trend since February, 1998. Rise in the prices of tea has been on account of shortfall in tea production in other producing countries like kenya coupled with higher domestic and export demand for Indian Tea.

(c) and (d) It is proposed to achieve annual production target of 1000 mn kgs. by the end of current five year plan i.e. 2001-02. Activities planned to achieve this target inter-alia include measures such as replantation, extension planting, setting up of new plantations, assistant to small growers in extension activities, development of tea plantations in non-traditional areas and research and development etc.

(e) Exports of tea vis-a-vis the targets during the past 3 years have been as under:—

Year	Export (Qty in Mn Kgs)	
	Target	Achievement
1995-96	170	167.47
1996-97	180	169.04
1997-98	180	211.76

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3538. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह यादव**: क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) सरकार द्वारा यह सुनुश्चित करने के लिए कि निदेशी सहयोग हेतु आवेदन करते समय कंपनियों द्वारा की गई वचनबद्धता के अनुसार निर्यात किया जाए, क्या प्रक्रिया अपनाई जाती है;

(ख) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान कौन-कौन सी कंपनियां निर्यात संबंधी अपनी वचनबद्धता को पूरा करने में असफल रही हैं; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा उन कंपनियों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री रामकृष्ण हेगड़े): (क) इस उद्देश्य के लिए निर्धारित की गयी प्रक्रिया में निर्यातकों को निर्धारित निर्यात प्रतिबद्धताओं को पूरा करने के लिए